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Mr. Mark W. Cowin, Director California Department of Water Resources PO Box 942836, Room 1115-1 Sacramento, CA 94236 Transmitted Via:

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ATTN: Craig Cross, Project Manager

SUBJECT:

Support of Funding for the City of Rancho Palos Verdes' San Ramon Canyon

Stormwater Flood Reduction Project

Dear Mr. Cowin:

On behalf of my City Council colleagues and the residents of the City of Rancho Palos Verdes, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Department of Water Resources for recommending full funding for the San Ramon Canyon Stormwater Flood Reduction Project under the Proposition 1E Round 1 Stormwater Flood Management (SWFM) Grant Program. The San Ramon Canyon Project will provide important local and regional benefits that will achieve a number of the objectives of the Greater Los Angeles Area Integrated Regional Water Management Plan. The project's primary objective is to manage stormwater runoff to reduce flood damage. In addition, the project will:

- Help protect nearly 500 senior citizens from flooding, sediment, debris, and mudflows;
- Reduce slope failure to canyon walls that are eroding and undermining an important arterial roadway Palos Verdes Drive East;
- Reduce or eliminate stormwater, sediment, and debris being deposited onto our primary access road Palos Verdes Drive South/25th Street;
- · Eliminate storm-related road closures that impede emergency vehicle access; and,
- Protect and restore habitat by protecting the existing streambed and surrounding ecosystem.

The San Ramon Canyon project is extremely important in reducing stormwater flood risks to life and property. The support of the Department of Water Resources is a key component in reducing these risks, and we are extremely grateful that the project has been recommended for full funding. Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Anthony M. Misetich Mayor Pro Tem

cc: Rancho Palos Verdes City Council

Carolyn Lehr, City Manager Ray Holland, Public Works Director